

**Question on notice no. 235**

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**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee, Defence Portfolio**

**Senator Malcolm Roberts:** asked the Department of Defence on 25 October 2023—

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**Answer:**

There were six Royal Australian Navy warships in the area of operations on the night of the incident. Defence does not comment on the operational tasking of its assets.